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## SD-HAN 20-007: South Dakota Guidance on Evaluating Persons for Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Infection (Updates SD-HAN 20-003)

Healthcare providers who are concerned a patient may be infected with COVID-19 should:

- Mask the patient
- Isolate the patient in a private room or separate area,
- Evaluate the patient while wearing personal protective equipment (PPE: gown, gloves, face shield, N95 respirator), and
- Contact the SD-DOH (**800-592-1861 or 605-773-3737**) immediately for consultation and guidance.
- A person under investigation (e.g., suspect) is:

Priority Level	Clinical Features	Risk Exposure*
Low	Fever OR Cough OR Shortness of Breath	None identified
Medium	Fever OR Cough OR Shortness of breath AND Elevated risk for severe infection**	None identified
Medium	Fever OR Cough OR Shortness of Breath	Identified risk
High	Fever OR Cough OR Sore Throat OR Shortness of Breath	Identified healthcare risk***
High	Fever AND Cough OR Shortness of Breath	Identified risk
<div> <div> <p>*Individual meets the risk exposure criterion if they have one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Close contact to a laboratory-confirmed case within 14 days of symptom onset.</li> <li>• History of travel to a geographic area with community transmission in a state within 14 days of symptom onset. <a href="#">Visit CDC website for the current list of states.</a></li> <li>• History of travel from a country under a Level 2 or Level 3 Travel Advisory. <a href="#">Visit CDC website for the current list of countries.</a></li> </ul> </div> <div> <p>**Elevated Risk for Severe COVID-19 Infection</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hospitalized patients</li> <li>• Older adults (65 years of age and older)</li> <li>• Individuals with certain pre-existing conditions (e.g., heart disease, lung disease, diabetes, and immunosuppressed)</li> </ul> </div> <div> <p>***Any healthcare worker who was caring for or who had unprotected direct contact with infectious secretions or excretions of a suspected COVID-19 patient or laboratory-confirmed case within 14 days of symptoms onset.</p> </div> </div>		

- **Note:** Travelers returning from China or Iran who experience symptoms of COVID-19 have been informed to contact SD-DOH prior to presenting for care at a health care facility.

The CDC issued HAN-429, Updated Guidance on Evaluating and Testing Persons for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), which is attached and can be found at: <https://emergency.cdc.gov/han/2020/han00429.asp>